

RUBBER/THERMOPLASTIC GRIP TAPE FOR HANDLE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A grip tape 10 for wrapping a handle 94 such as of a golf club 90 generally comprises a top portion 19 comprising an elongate strip of rubber 70 and an elongate thermoplastic portion 20 including a thermoplastic 41 such as polyurethane 42, and a bottom portion 80 of cloth 82, such as felt 83, bonded to top portion 19. Rubber 70 includes a central portion 73, a right edge portion 75, and a left edge portion 77. The thermoplastic portion 20 includes a central portion 25, a right edge embossed portion 27, and a left edge embossed portion 36. Embossed portions 27, 36 are denser than central portion 25 and stiffer than rubber edge portions 75, 77. Left edge embossed portion 36 overlaps rubber right edge portion 75 and is bonded thereto. Tape 10 is spiral wrapped around handle 94 such that right edge embossed portion 27 overlies rubber left edge portion 77 of the previous turn.